

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) stressed the importance of World Malaria Day, which will be commemorated this year on April 25th.

“Recently, there has been significant progress in the fight against malaria. The U.S. government provided 15.6 million artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs) to treat acute malarial illnesses in 2008 alone,” Bishop said. “As a result of increased efforts to provide life-saving treatment and prevention efforts, countries like Rwanda and Zambia have achieved great success. In

fact, the prevalence of malaria fell by 53% in Zambia from 2006 to 2008.”

“I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing World Malaria Day and in raising awareness about this disease, so that together we can win the fight against malaria.”

Malaria causes 350-500 million infections and kills nearly one million people throughout the world each year.

## Bishop Increases Awareness of Malaria

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